



North Carolina Department of Crime Control and Public Safety  
Alcohol Law Enforcement Division

Beverly Eaves Perdue, Governor  
Reuben F. Young, Secretary

C. John Ledford, Director

August 16, 2010

The Honorable Marc Basnight  
President Pro-Tempore  
North Carolina Senate  
Legislative Building, Room 2007  
Raleigh, North Carolina 27601-2808

The Honorable Joe Hackney  
Speaker of the House  
North Carolina House of Representatives  
Legislative Building, Room 2304  
Raleigh, North Carolina 27601-1096

Dear Senator Basnight and Speaker Hackney:

Pursuant to Section 15.3 of the 2007 Appropriations Act, the North Carolina Alcohol Law Enforcement Division (ALE) is a participant in the Equitable Sharing of Federally Forfeited Property Program with the United States Department of Justice and the Department of Treasury. As a result of participation in this program and the support of the Joint Legislative Commission on Government Operations, ALE, has been able to provide valuable equipment and support to its members in the pursuit of its mission. The items included in this request are needed to enhance officer and public safety, provide more efficient communications, training opportunities, and the ability to secure evidence of crimes.

As of July 29, 2010, the balance of the Federal Seizure Fund held by ALE was \$5,118,103.22. Pursuant to applicable state law, ALE hereby reports its intent to utilize \$1,127,543.43 in Federal Seizure funds as detailed on the following pages. The remaining balance after the expenditures detailed herein will be \$3,990,559.79.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Reuben F. Young".

Reuben F. Young  
Secretary

cc: Chief Deputy Secretary Gerald Rudisill  
Director C. Jon Ledford  
Bennie Aiken, Controller



ITEM REQUESTED	AMOUNT
<p><b>GPS Tracking Devices:</b> ALE agents conduct numerous investigations sometimes involving the sale and distribution of controlled substances and illicit spirituous liquor. During these investigations it becomes necessary to track the movement of vehicles. With the purchase of 18 self contained GPS trackers, two units per District Office could be purchased and maintained in the field. The purchase would also include funds for two years worth of communication to enable the devices to provide information in “real time”.</p>	<p><b>\$ 193,424.72</b></p>
<p><b>Zorbium Foam Helmet Pads:</b> ALE agents utilize surplus military helmets to provide protection during search warrant executions and other dangerous operations. In order to reduce the possibility of head trauma 140 of the upgrade systems would be purchased and installed in each agent’s helmet.</p>	<p><b>\$ 16,268.00</b></p>
<p><b>Weapon Retention Systems:</b> ALE agents are issued patrol rifles which are typically stored in their patrol vehicles. To prevent theft and greater weapon security, ALE intends to purchase 140 rifle locking mechanisms to be installed in all vehicles which may be used to store the rifle. These systems would increase safety and security.</p>	<p><b>\$ 49,067.20</b></p>
<p><b>Universal Forensic Extraction Devices:</b> ALE agents are commonly involved in search warrant executions where the preservation and capturing of information is essential. In numerous circumstances information contained in cellular phones and PDA’s is needed for criminal case prosecutions. The purchase of 10 Universal Forensic Extraction Devices would aid in the attainment of such information without the device having to be sent to a separate entity for analysis, thus saving time and expenditures.</p>	<p><b>\$ 69,990.00</b></p>

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<p><b>Training:</b> Training is an essential tool in the investigation and enforcement process. Historically, ALE has never been allocated a training budget, essential funding that will allow for agents to attend training activities to enhance their ability to perform their given tasks at a higher level of proficiency. This funding will allow specific training to accomplish division goals as well as skill enhancement in areas beneficial to the Division. Areas of training include leadership, management, and advanced criminal investigations, which are essential for professional development and advancement of the Division's goals.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>\$ 125,000.00</b></p>
<p><b>Hardware Installation and Upgrade:</b> Special Agents with ALE utilize computers to perform many of the functions of an Agent; including issuing citations, filling out investigative narratives, and reporting permit investigations to the respective Commission. ALE Agents also utilize the telephone communications equipment at the District Offices to accomplish their core mission. In order to increase computer access and achieve a unified communications scheme throughout the State ALE would utilize the funding to upgrade the bandwidth infrastructure at each of the District Offices and a Field Office; thus linking the Division with the Department.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>\$ 69,000.00</b></p>
<p><b>800 MHz Handheld Radios:</b> Adequate communications are essential in today's law enforcement community. Special Agents with ALE utilize 800 MHz handheld radios for communications while performing enforcement missions and during special occurrences such as disasters or large-scale gatherings. ALE currently has a large portion of the XTS3000 radios which are older and are soon to be phased out in the VIPER system. ALE would utilize the funding requested to purchase XTS5000 replacements and accessory packages for all the Division handheld radios to provide for safety of the public and the Special Agents.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>\$ 515,640.00</b></p>

<b>IT Enhanced Capabilities:</b> Special Agents with ALE send and receive many emails. They also review and examine many sites on the internet during the course of investigations. In an effort to provide further tracking and accountability in utilizing web based applications, ALE would request to purchase a Blue Coat SG810-10 and Blue Coat SG210-10 Proxy Editions with the accompanying support and software for reporting and examination.	<b>\$ 89,153.51</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 1,127,543.43</b>